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22/1/23

Dear Mr.White,

Your letter and enclosures of December 19th, reached here by last mail. I was recovering from an attack of Malaria at the time and did not feel equal to answering it. I had a pretty rotten time of it during the greater part of last month with the above complaint, due no doubt to the weather we were getting here, which was easily the hottest and most trying I have experienced up nprth.

I have made out a price list of the stores that I have taken over, and am enclosing a cheque for the amount, less 8/9 exes on Parcel and registered Letter forwarded on December 21st, 1922. I am also enclosing the vouchers.

A week ago I received the following wire from you.

" Letters Diary Box received few eggs broken. Wiring hundred" seventy Tuesday your account Cooktown as requested. Posted voucher for Sydney goods some time ago. Dispose surplus best advantage. Return Rope ladder Camphor box Labels slips Kodak " and Barometer to me writing next week " "

I am sorry to hear that the eggs were broken, 'twas a mistake to pack them in such a large Box.

Re the articles you want returned; I will not be able to forward them until the supply Boat comes to Pt.Stewart, which should be about the end of March or early in April

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error, for the only nest that I found, contained young; these I took and am trying to rear them, one died, the other three are still alive and doing well.

The snaps of the nesting tree and of the young came out fairly well; I have not taken any prints of them yet as all the P.O.P. that I brought up, was spoiled by the heat and the fresh supply that I sent for is only just to hand. I will send them along next mail.

On going through my Cape York field notes which by the way, are very brief; I cannot find any record of having sent down a skin of "Ptilinopus" ewingi "for identification. I am quite satisfied though that the bird occurs there.

In your letter of December 9th, you state that the skin of "Kempelia" that I sent down, is really "M.flaviventris." I am quite certain that it is "Kempelia". The main points of difference in the skins of the species in question, being the coloration of the bill and legs.- "Kempelia" lower mandible, creamy yellow; legs yellow ochre tinged brown.- "M.flaviventris" lower mandible, basal half whitish, rest dark brown or black; legs, brownish black.- In life Kempelia is a much slimmer bird, its call or song is a very faint twittering whistle, and it lives in the dense scrubs. The song of M.flaviventris is loud, sweet, and varied and I have never seen it in the scrubs. If I can get any more skins of it I will send them along to you

Yours sincerely

.Check List of Skins.

1 - 25/9/22 - Ptilotis analoga. Male.

Length 198mm. Wing 98mm. Culmen 24mm. Tarsus 26mm. Irides,glaucous blue. Bill,black;edges of gape white. Legs, fuscous. Stomach,a Wattle seed with vegetable matter attached.

2 - 25/9/22 - Ptilotis analoga. Male.

Length 190mm. Wing 89mm. Culmen 21mm. Tarsus 25mm. Irides,glaucous blue. Bill,black;edges of gape white. Legs, fuscous. Stomach,insect remains.

3 - 30/9/22 - Kempiella kempi. Female.

Length 123mm. Wing 64mm. Culmen 11mm. Tarsus 15mm. Irides,chestnut brown. Bill,upper blackish brown;lower,creamy yellow. Legs,yellow ochre tinged brown. Stomach,insect remains.

4 - 30/9/22 - Craspedophora alberti. Male.

Length 309mm. Wing 164mm. Culmen 53mm. Tarsus 40mm. Irides,very dark mummy brown. Bill,black;edges of gape light viridine yellow. Legs,slate black. Stomach,small Figs and other fruits.

5 - 30/9/22 - Myzomela sanguinolenta. Male.

Length 110mm. Wing 56mm. Culmen 14mm. Tarsus 15mm. Irides,dark chestnut brown. Bill,black. Legs,brownish olive. Stomach,insect remains.

6 - 1/10/22 - Piezorhynchus leucotis. Male.

Length 157mm. Wing 69mm. Culmen 14mm. Tarsus 20mm. Irides,dark mummy brown. Bill,paynes grey,tip black. Legs,slate black. Stomach,insect remains.

7 - 2/10/22 - Craspedophora alberti. Male. Immature.

Length 306mm. Wing 159mm. Culmen 50mm. Tarsus 40mm. Irides,very dark mummy brown. Bill,black;edges of gape light viridine yellow. Legs,deep neutral grey. Stomach,small Figs and other fruits.

"BELLTREES," (TELEPHONE STATION)
SCONE,
N.S.W.,
23rd January 1923

Mr W. McLennan
Coen Via Cooktown

Dear Sir

Please excuse my neglecting you for so long, but immediately after writing last I was called to my wife's bed side in Sydney, & have been there practically ever since. I'm terribly worried over several matters, & have had to practically drop all my natural history work for the present. I shall be glad to keep in touch with you, if you care to write occasionally.

Hope you received the money I wrote to Cooktown.

Kind regards & best wishes.

Yours faithfully
A. L. White

Mrs White is still very seriously ill, but slightly better today

"BELLTREES," (TELEPHONE STATION)

SCONE,

N.S.W.,

Dear Mrs Fox

Dear Mrs Fox, I have received your letter of the 22nd inst. and am very sorry to hear that you have been so unwell. I am glad to hear that you are getting better. I am sure that you will be glad to get home again. I am very glad that you have had a good time. I am sure that you will be glad to get home again. I am very glad that you have had a good time.

"BELLTREES," (TELEPHONE STATION)

SCONE,

N.S.W.,

25th July 1923

Received from Mr Wm McLennan the sum of Thirty one pounds nine shillings & ten pence (per Cheque on Cooktown), on a/c of Surplus Stores retained by him.

Henry A. White

"BELLTREES," (TELEPHONE STATION)

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Mr W. McLennan
Coen Via Cooktown

25th Jany 1923

Dear Sir

Upon receipt of yours of the 22nd Jan.y, I was asking where to address my reply: I rec.d the following while in Sydney last week "Address Coen will be" "there for some time yet". I am exceedingly sorry to learn from last letter that you have been laid up, What rotten luck to be down again with that wretched malaria. The weather appears to have been bad all over Australia: here our summer has been one of the dryest & certainly the hottest for many years.

I rec.d your cheque for £21.9.10, payment for Stores etc Sept, thanks for same: formal receipt enclosed.

Note you cannot return the wheels I asked for until some means of transport is available from Port Stewart.

My wife is still very ill & I spend most of my time with her, I return to Sydney tomorrow.

The Golden Shouldered parrots Mrs Borden took, both splendid, just putting on their bright colored plumage.

If I can do anything for you do not hesitate to ask.

Kind regards, & best wishes for your health.

Yours faithfully
H. L. White

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